tion in excise duty and concessional rate of customs duty on the import of raw materials, components and machinery used in the manufacture of wrist watches. The indigenous industry continues to enjoy concessional duty structure:

| Year | Value (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|
| 1986 . . . . . | 1013 |
| 1987 . . . . . | 1102 |
| 1988 . . . . . | 327 |
| 1989 . . . . . | 263 |
| 1990* (upto 19-3-90) . . | 33 |

* Figure is provisional.

**Proposal to set up a Branch of SBI in Jangla in Shimla District**

2082. SHRI MAULANA ASAD MADNI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a branch of State Bank of India in Jangla under the Shimla District during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

**Levy of Excise Duty on hand-made Match Industry**

2083. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the structural imbalances in the levy of excise duty on different sectors of match industry is causing threat to the very survival of hand-made (medium scale) match industry;

(b) whether Government propose to extend concession in excise duty for matches produced in the hand-made (medium) sector;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted to assess the deplorable conditions of match industry in Tamil Nadu, especially in Kamraj and Chidmabaranar Districts; and

(d) if so, what are the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (d) The present excise duty structure on match industry is as given below:—

| Sector | Basic excise duty rate (per 100 boxes of 50 matches each) |
|---|---|
| Mechanised . | Rs. 3.15 |
| Semi-mechanised | Rs. 2.10 |
| Non-mechanised | Rs. 1.75 |
| Cottage . . | Rs. 0.75 |

At present, there is no proposal to extend further concession in excise duty to the match industry, including the hand-made (medium) sector.

The above duty rates have been fixed taking into account the interests of the various sectors of the match indusry. No survey of the industry in particular districts of Tamil Nadu has been conducted.

**Water Management**

2084. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the steps that are being taken by Government to ensure best water management so that the water available for irrigation is not wasted through pilferage and evaporation?